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SUBJECT: AMEMBASSY MONTEVIDEO PHYSICAL SECURITY DEFICIENCIES AND FAST-TRACKING PROPOSED SECURITY UPGRADE

Classified By: RSO for reasons 1.4(g)

1. (U) This is an action cable. Please see paragraph 6.

2. (S) Embassy Montevideo is extremely concerned about the continued slippage in the start date for the embassy security upgrade projects first

3. (S) First and foremost the chancery has insufficient setback and huge glass windows in most offices. Any explosion would undoubtedly result

4. (S) Secondly, because of the building configuration, all visa applicants/consular visitors pass through our central lobby, which faces/has

5. (S) In addition to these major deficiencies the RSO, after staging several Jeddah-scenario drills, has identified a significant vulnerability

6. (S) Action Request: Embassy Montevideo requests that DS and OBO put priority on initiating and completing these vital security upgrades in
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